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Survey of Rail Lines
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the railway lines for which budgetary provisions were made during the last two years to carry out survey work for gauge conversion;

(b) the total number of surveys that have been completed and the number where survey work is still incomplete;

(c) the reasons for not completing the survey work;

(d) whether the Government has not fixed any time limit to complete these surveys;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(f) the action taken by the Government against the officers responsible for not completing the survey within the stipulated time limit?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (c): During the last two years and next financial year i.e. 2015-16, 2016-17 & 2017-18, 27 surveys for Gauge Conversion projects have been sanctioned, list of which is Appended. Out of these 27 surveys, 3 surveys viz. (i) Kosamba-Umarpada, (ii) Chuchapura-Navasasri-Tanakhala and (iii) Dabhoi-Chandod- Kevadiya have been completed and their reports are under examination. 2 projects viz. (i) Ahmedabad-Mehsana and (ii) Fatehabad Chandravatiganj have been taken up for execution. For the remaining 22 projects, Final Location Survey has been taken up. Most of the surveys in progress have been included for the financial year 2017-18 only.

(d) to (f): Surveys require investigation of various alternatives in consultation with State Governments and forest department, to decide the most technically feasible alignment, interaction with State Government, trade and industries for assessment of traffic projections, preparation of plans and drawings for calculation of costs etc. Since this is an extensive exercise, it is not possible to fix time lines for both completion of all these surveys and the lines being made functional.

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